



## Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Newsletter April 2011

### Chairman's report

Hello everyone,

Your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch continues to perform above and beyond our projected budget expectations, allowing us to increasingly contribute to our community. On 5 October, we will celebrate 10 years since we opened our doors to the Collie community and there will be plenty to celebrate in 2011! Not only have our friendly, professional local staff provided the best banking services but we also expect to return our one millionth dollar to our community very soon!

As Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch continues to prosper, we strive to ensure the monies reinvested in our community provide the greatest and most diverse benefit to as many of our community as possible.

Through our recent community forum, our community has given us many great ideas and projects that we should support moving forward, and we have almost finalised a priority list which we will share with you. Some of the short, medium and long terms projects will be announced very soon, and we will be looking for committed, passionate people to help drive the projects for the benefit of our community.

At the recent **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> State Conference, Collie was recognised as a shining light of how supporting your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch can do so much for your community. A video showing some of the Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch's achievements will soon be available to view on the Bendigo Bank website. Please take the time to watch the video and feel as proud as we all are about what has and can be achieved into the future through banking with Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

**Glyn Yates**  
Chairman

### Branch statistics – as at 28 February 2011:

Deposits	\$ 40.87 million
Loans	\$ 71.80 million
Other Business	\$ 3.10 million
Total portfolio	\$115.77 million
Number of accounts	5,654
Community contributions	\$962,119

### Manager's report

Welcome everyone to our first newsletter of the year, but where have the first three months gone?

The Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch continues to grow, and we will soon announce with pride that we will have achieved the magical \$120 million dollar mark for our total book value. Our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch continues to grow through the support of all of our customers, and these significant milestones show the ongoing belief you have in the Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and all the great things we can do for Collie and its surrounding districts.

Some time ago, the Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch entered into discussions with the Darkan community about providing a local full time banking service. The Darkan community and the Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch have earmarked the Darkan Community Resource Centre as the ideal location for a full time Bendigo Bank Agency.

The agency will be able to do most of the transactions that can occur in our branch, such as deposits, withdrawals, opening accounts and changing details on accounts.. The agency will operate five days a week with the assistance of the fantastic staff of the Darkan Community Resource Centre who are enthusiastic about helping the people of Darkan achieve a quality banking service. Watch this space for details about when the Agency will open!

As we move towards the end of the financial year, many in our farming community will be looking for tools to assist with taxation minimisation. The Bendigo Agribusiness Farm Management Deposit Account lets you set aside pre-tax income from the good years, for those times when you need it most. With your choice of a variable or fixed interest rate, the account lets you spread your tax burden. I will be more than happy to discuss options of the Farm Management Deposit with you.

The staff at the Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the branch soon.

**Travis Ellison**  
Branch Manager

# Sponsorship – Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch in your community

It continues to be an enjoyable time for the Board of Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, with another large number of worthy recipients of the Bank's sponsorship money.

The Board has approved funding to the following organisations:

South West Youth Driver Development Program received \$2,000 to go towards an education program for Collie high school students,



▲ Sign at the Collie Playgroup directing parents and children to the Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch!

including visits to local police station, hospital and driving training skills.

Collie YouthCare received \$2,500 to fund a chaplaincy program to all five public schools in Collie.

Amaroo Primary School received \$2,500 to assist in providing a regular bus service for students to attend the Collie Riding for the Disabled.

A \$500 first prize for the Collie Mail Baby Photo Competition – you might have seen our ad in the Collie Mail “Baby, you should be in pictures”.



▲ Happy Bendigo Directors and Branch Manager hand over a \$25,000 cheque to committee members of the Darkan Sports & Community Centre.

Collie Western Riding Association received a \$4,500 sponsorship to assist with the construction of horse yards.

St Vincent de Paul received \$400 which will go towards the construction of a ramp outside their shop.

Also keep an eye out for some major donations and events when the Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch celebrates its 10 year anniversary in October.

## Staff profile – Danelle Pelliciaro



Title: Customer Relationship Officer.

Family Members: Mum, Dad, Paul and partner Brenton.

How long have you worked at Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch: Two and a half years.

Years in Banking: Two and a half.

Previous Jobs: Before I began working at Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup>

Branch, I was completing Year 12. However I was also working after school and on the weekends at the Banksia Motel as a receptionist.

What do I enjoy most about Collie & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch: I enjoy working at our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch which

returns its profits back to the community through grants and project sponsorship. It is really exciting and rewarding to know that we help people achieve things in the community. I also enjoy the team I work with. We all work hard and have a good time as well.

Hobbies: Playing hockey, walking and socialising.

Favourite sporting teams: My hockey teams: Rovers and the Collie South West League team.

Favourite places visited: Bali, love the weather there, and Sydney.

Other interesting stuff: I am currently studying a Bachelor of Business Degree, majoring in Finance at ECU. I am completing the course externally and I am really enjoying it. I am also going to Italy for a month in July as a holiday and I am really looking forward to that.

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